

Velia (Vickie) Butcher, J.D.

Professional Experience

Owner. It Is Written Community Bookstore. This new family business opened in the summer of 2003 and features book clubs, community internet classes such as workshops on health care issues, and computer training.

Executive Director, Water for Children Africa, San Diego, CA,
1993- Present

Water for Children Africa is a nonprofit organization with the mission of transferring technology for safe sustainable water to rural villages in Africa. As a founding member and chair of the organizing committee, experiences include grant writing, project implementation, organization of task forces for planning, design and development of water supply systems and community outreach and education. Leadership in convening six Annual Africa Trade and Business Conferences.

Special Government Employee, Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Molecular & Clinical Genetic Devices Panel, Center for Devices and Radiological Health Consumer Representative,
September 1999 - Present

Consultant, San Diego County Department of Health Services,
African American Community Dialogue Support Group, Children and Families First, September 1999 -December 1999

National Chairman, Board of Directors of the Auxiliary to the National Medical Association,
1998-1999

National President, Auxiliary to the National Medical Association,
1997-1998

The Auxiliary to the National Medical Association was founded in 1935 for spouses of active members of the National Medical Association, composed of African American physicians in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The purpose of this organization is to establish partnerships and networks with public health professional groups and government agencies to assist and encourage the medical profession in its efforts to educate and promote health issues of all types in minority communities and beyond.

Registered Representative - Equitable Life Assurance Company, 1992-1994

Executive Director, Alcohol And Drug Abuse Prevention Task Force, San Diego, CA. 1990-1992
Responsibilities inclusive of budget development and fiscal management, supervision of personnel and all aspects of operations, project implementation, and community organization. Consultation and negotiation with local, state, and federal drug abuse officials, and liaison with elected officials and government agencies.

Administrative Assistant, Chairman Of San Diego County Board Of Supervisors,1986

Governmental Administrative liaison with extensive public relations projects. Program planning, follow-up and evaluation with responsibility for communications, writing, research and editing reports

Legal Assistant and experience at the El Cajon Municipal and Superior Court to the Honorable Presiding Judge ---, Defenders, Inc., and private law firms 1984-1987
Diverse responsibilities in civil law and motions; developing preliminary and tentative case rulings; criminal casework and trial preparation; comprehensive writing; communication and coordination of court related activities.

Education

Juris Doctorate Degree, Western State University, College of Law
Review

Recognition and member Legal Honorary Society; Bachelor of Art,
California

State University Los Angeles, ---- *Major: Special Education, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Emphasis:*
Political Science, Government, Communication and Debate.

Teaching Experience

Grossmont Community College, Political Science Department, El Cajon, CA
San Diego City College, Business Department, San Diego, CA
Grossmont Union High School, Deaf and Hard of Hearing, La Mesa,
CA

Professional Appointments

California 9th Region Water Quality Control Board
City Of El Cajon Planning Commission, 12 years - Chairperson twice
City Of El Cajon General Plan and Residential Zones Committees.
California State Advisory Board On Drug Programs
County Of San Diego Human Relations Commission, 1989-1992

Boards and Affiliations

El Cajon Breakfast Rotary, 2003-2004 President
Grossmont Hospital Foundation Board
National Coalition of 100 Black Women
Candidate November 2000 and March and November 2002 Elections for Member for The City of El Cajon, California, City Council
World Affairs Council President
YMCA Executive Board, 1998-2000
FDA Consumer Consortium, 1996 - 1999
President of the San Diego County Medical Society Alliance, 1994 President of the Auxiliary to the Golden State Medical Society, 1992 - 1994
Board of Directors San Diego Historical Society
The Bishop's School, Board of Trustees, 1988-1994

Lead San Diego, Inc. Class of 1986
United Nations Association Board of Directors, San Diego Chapter,
1986
American Field Service Exchange Student Program
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Honored Member
Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

Facilitator

Water Related Fact Finding Trips and Conferences in Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, Gabon, Senegal, Ghana, The Gambia, Sierra Leone, and South Africa.

Recent Awards

March of Dimes 2001 Mother of the Year
Medaille d'Excellence, Fete D'Excellence, Geneva, Switzerland, 1999 Commendable Service Award for Community Leadership -FDA,
1998
Recognition International Services Director, La Mesa Sunrise Rotary,
1999

Recent Presentations

Keynote speaker for World Affairs Council, Rotary, Soroptimist and other service organizations.
Keynote Speaker Bethel Baptist Church Missionary Society Faith Promises Breakfast January 26, 2002
World Affairs Council, Kwanzaa, An African American Celebration, Moderator, Planning Commissioners Institute Workshop *Building Teams to Deal with Difficult Issues* Monterey, CA, May 1, 2000
Speaker California Delegation for The Thematic Area of Sustainable Development at the National Summit on Africa in Washington, D.C.
February 15-20, 2000
Guest Panelists: United Nations, Geneva, Switzerland, Roundtable on the Art of Making Peace, August 6, 1999
Chair of Six Annual Africa Trade and Business Conferences held at San Diego State University and Point Loma

References upon Request